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MEDIA REACTION FOR JULY 15, 1976-

MORNING DAILIES, EXCEPTING EXCELSIOR, CONTINUED  
FRONTPAGE TREATMENT AND PROMINENT LENGTHY INSIDE  
COVERAGE OF UNESCO AND IAPA MEETINGS. EXCELSIOR CONFINED  
COVERAGE TO INSIDE, RAN EXCERPTS FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL  
M'BOW'S INAUGURAL SPEECH IN EDITORIAL COLUMN.

LA NACION PUBLISHED CONCILIATORY EDITORIAL ON DUALF  
MEETINGS SAYING "

...IT WOULD BE SHAME IF -- BECAUSE  
OF CLINGING STUBBORNLY TO ANTAGONISTIC POSITIONS -- THE  
TWO IMPORTANT AND SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS HERE  
SHOULD PASS INTO HISTORY AS AN UNPRODUCTIVE SQUABBLE."  
"WE ARE AS FAR FROM MAINTAINING THAT THE COMMUNICATION  
MEDIA SHOULD BE ALLOWED LICENTIOUSNESS AS FROM  
ACCEPTING THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DECLARE AN  
OBJECTIVE TRUTH, OR THAT THE PRESS BE SUBMITTED A  
PRIORI TO POLITICAL PROGRAMS, IN REGARD TO WHICH ITS  
MISSION IS PRECISELY TO SERVE AS A FORUM OF DEBATE."

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INDEPENDENT LA REPUBLICA SPENT ITS EDITORIAL COLUMN

ANALYZING THE IDEA OF REGIONAL PRESS SERVICES.  
EXCERPTS FOLLOW.

"... IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES  
TO INFORM ABOUT EVERYTHING, AND IT IS ALSO IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR THEM TO BE FREE FROM ERRORS."

SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF NEW INDEPENDENT NEWS  
AGENCIES FOR LATIN AMERICA, THE NEWSPAPER URGED THAT  
ANY AGENCY CREATED BE NONGOVERNMENT. "ERROR IS VISIBLE  
IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FREEDOM, WHEN IT CAN BE CONFRONTED  
WITH REALITY OR TRUTH; HOWEVER, WHEN NEWS SERVES  
ONLY ONE MASTER, WHEN CONTRADICTORY FACTS OR BAD NEWS  
ARE HIDDEN IN PRINCIPLE, HOW CAN THE LIE BE DISCOVERED  
IN A PAINTED PICTURE GIVEN TO THE READER IN ORDER TO  
MAKE PROPAGANDA FOR THE REGIME? THERE ARE NO PARTCKL  
ERRORS IN THAT CASE. EVERYTHING IS UNTRUE."

"THERE IS NO DOUBT,  
THAT IT IS PREFERABLE TO  
BE INFORMED BY NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH MIGHT  
SOMETIMES MAKE MISTAKES OR BE IMPRECISE THAN TO  
DTDEPEND ON OFFICIALS WHO BELIEVE THEMSELVES INFALLIBLE.  
SINCE THIS IS A WORLD OF IMPERFECT HUMAN BEINGS,  
WE TRUST THE FORMER SITUATION MORE. THE LATTER IS  
FOR ANGELS... OR FOOLS."

ENTIRE TEXT OF REPUBLICA EDITORIAL FOLLOWS.  
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